IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus comprising:

storing means for storing content data;

managing means for managing preference data by which to determine preferences of a user based on a quantity of previous orders with respect to a genre;

reading means for reading said content data from said storing means in response to an instruction from said user;

sorting means for sorting said content data read by said reading means, in accordance with said preference data managed by said managing means; and

composing means for composing said content data sorted by said sorting means, into a single item ~~ready to be handled by~~ for distribution to said user.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said managing means determines ~~a~~ said genre of said content data read by said reading means and associates the number of times content data belonging to ~~the~~ said genre thus determined have been read, with information for identifying said user for management purposes.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said content data in effect before being ~~composed~~ combined into said single item by said composing means include at least information for distinguishing said content data from other content data and information for indicating where said content data are stored in said storing means.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): An information processing method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

controlling storage of content data <u>to a computer readable storage medium</u>;

managing preference data by which to determine preferences of a user <u>based on a quantity of previous orders with respect to a genre</u>;

reading said content data stored to <u>said computer readable storage medium</u> in said ~~storage~~ controlling ~~step~~, in response to an instruction from said user;

sorting said content data read in said reading ~~step~~, in accordance with said preference data managed in said managing ~~step~~; and

composing said content data sorted in said sorting ~~step~~, into a single item ~~ready to be handled by~~ <u>for distribution to</u> said user.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A computer readable storage medium <u>encoded with computer program instruction which cause a data processor to implement a method comprising</u> ~~which stores a computer-readable program comprising the steps of~~:

controlling storage of content data;

managing preference data by which to determine preferences of a user <u>based on a quantity of previous orders with respect to a genre</u>;

reading said content data stored in said ~~storage~~ controlling ~~step~~, in response to an instruction from said user;

sorting said content data read in said reading ~~step~~, in accordance with said preference data managed in said managing ~~step~~; and

composing said content data sorted in said sorting ~~step~~, into a single item ~~ready to be handled by~~ <u>for distribution to</u> said user.

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (New): An information processing apparatus comprising:

a storage unit configured to store a content data;

a management unit configured to manage a preference data by which to determine preferences of a user based on a quantity of previous orders with respect to a genre;

a reading unit configured to read said content data stored by said storage unit in response to an instruction from said user;

a sorting unit configured to sort said content data read by said reading unit, in accordance with said preference data managed by said management unit; and

a composing unit configured to compose said content data sorted by said sorting unit into a single item for distribution to said user.

Claim 8 (New): An information processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said management unit determines said genre of said content data read by said reading unit and associates the number of times content data belonging to said genre thus determined have been read, with information for identifying said user for management purposes.

Claim 9 (New): An information processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said content data in effect before being combined into said single item by said composing unit include at least information for distinguishing said content data from other content data and information for indicating where said content data are stored in said storage unit.